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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY SECRETARY DENT

REF: STATE 181989

FOR EA AMBASSADOR GREEN FROM CHARGE

1. AFTER CONSULTING WITH BOB SIMPSON I WOULD SUGGEST SOME REARRANGEMENT OF SECRETARY DENT'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. JACK DETOUR HAS BLOCKED TIME FOR USAFLO AIRCRAFT WHICH ALLOWS FLEXIBILITY. SUGGEST DENT PROCEED VIA USAFLO DIRECTLY TO CANBERRA WITH EMBASSY BRIEFINGS, OFFICIAL CALLS, FUNCTION AT RESIDENCE DECEMBER 4, PROCEED MELBOURNE EARLY MORNING DECEMBER 5 VIA USAFLO, MEET WITH BUSINESS LIAISON COMMITTEE AND ADDRESS AMCHAM LUNCHEON, CONTINUE TO SYDNEY VIA USAFLO THAT EVENING, SPEND DECEMBER 6 IN SYDNEY WITH SELECTED BUSINESS MEETINGS, DEPART AUSTRALIA DECEMBER 7 AFTER POSSIBLE TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING IN SYDNEY. INDUSTRIAL VISITS COULD BE ARRANGED IN MELBOURNE AND/OR SYDNEY AS DESIRED.

2. ADVANTAGES OF THIS PROPOSAL ARE THAT SUBSTANTIVE AND CEREMONIAL PRIORITY ACCORDED TO GOA, THAT DENT VISITS BOTH MAJOR FINANCIAL/ COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CENTERS, THAT MAJOR LUNCHEON ADDRESS IS MADE THIS TIME IN MELBOURNE WHERE AMCHAM PRESIDENT NOW LOCATED

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(YOU RECALL WE BROUGHT MELBOURNE AMCHAM MEMBERS TO SYDNEY TO

SEE INGERSOLL), AND THAT DEPARTURE FROM AUSTRALIA MAY BE SIMPLIFIED IF PRECEDING NIGHT SPENT IN SYDNEY.

3. TIMING OF VISIT SEEMS FINE AND WE VERY MUCH HOPE IT CAN BE CONFIRMED.

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